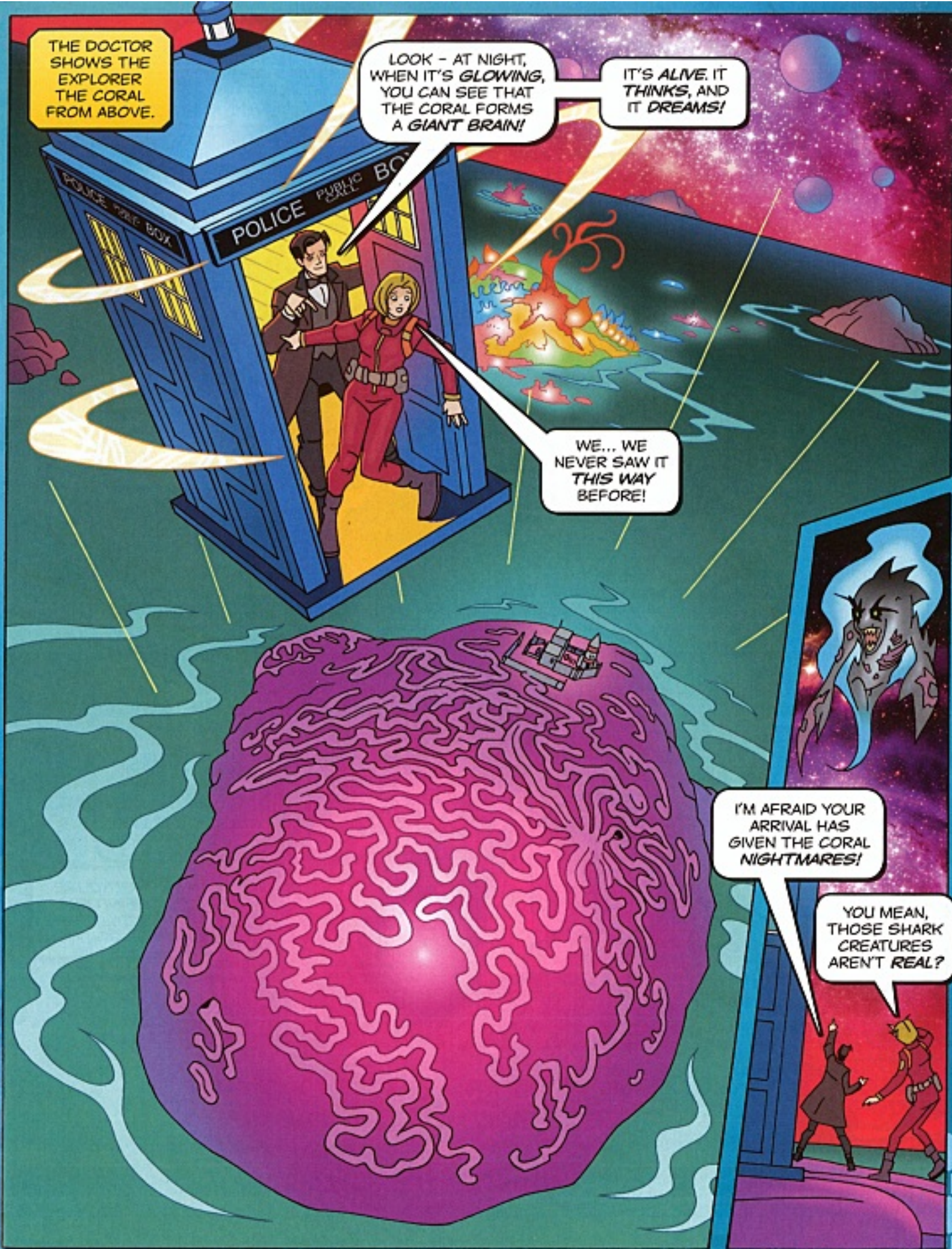
DOCTOR WHO ADVENTURES
COMIC
CORAL MAZE
WORDS GLENN DAKIN
ART JOHN ROSS
COLOURING ALAN CRADDOCK
THE YEAR 2211.
THE PLANET *POLYPIA 4*, CLARA! A SMALL HUMAN COLONY AND THE MOST *AMAZING GLOWING CORALS* IN THE GALAXY!
YES, DOCTOR...
RRRAAAAARRRRK!
... ALMOST AS AMAZING AS THE SIGHT OF THAT *TWO-HEADED ZOMBIE-SHARK THING!*
NO! IT'S COMING FOR US *AGAIN!*

JUST THEN...
THAT'S FUNNY - NOW IT'S GONE!
THEY DO THAT! THEY COME TO TORMENT US AND THEN VANISH! BUT WHO ARE YOU?
I'M THE DOCTOR AND THIS IS CLARA.
HI!
WE'RE EXPLORERS FROM EARTH. WE LANDED ON THIS BEAUTIFUL CORAL PLANET AND DECIDED TO LIVE HERE.
BUT EVERY NIGHT THOSE CREATURES COME FOR US!
THIS HOLO-PROJECTOR SHOWS THEY COME FOR YOU, BUT NEVER ACTUALLY GET YOU! I WONDER WHY?
THERE'S SOMETHING UNUSUAL ABOUT THIS CORAL, BUT I NEED A BETTER LOOK.
COME ALONG INTO MY TARDIS, POOR FRIGHTENED COLONIST PERSON!

THE DOCTOR SHOWS THE EXPLORER THE CORAL FROM ABOVE.
LOOK - AT NIGHT, WHEN IT'S GLOWING, YOU CAN SEE THAT THE CORAL FORMS A GIANT BRAIN!
IT'S ALIVE. IT THINKS, AND IT DREAMS!
POLICE PUBLIC CALL BOX
WE... WE NEVER SAW IT THIS WAY BEFORE!
I'M AFRAID YOUR ARRIVAL HAS GIVEN THE CORAL NIGHTMARES!
YOU MEAN, THOSE SHARK CREATURES AREN'T REAL?

NO - JUST ANGRY ILLUSIONS! RATHER BRILLIANT ONES! ALL CREATED BY STRESSED-OUT CORAL!
AND I THINK I KNOW WHY!
YOU'RE BUILDING YOUR BASE RIGHT ON THIS LIVING CORAL. IT MUST HURT THE POOR BRAIN!
WHY DON'T YOU MOVE TO THOSE BORING OLD ROCKY ISLANDS?
NOT QUITE SO PRETTY... BUT LESS ALIVE!
A FEW DAYS LATER ...
OUR MOVE IS COMPLETE. AND THE CORAL IS HAPPIER ALREADY. I'VE NEVER SEEN IT LOOK QUITE LIKE THAT BEFORE!
I THINK THIS COULD BE THE BEGINNING OF A BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP.
HMM - NO MORE MONSTERS! I SUPPOSE THAT MEANS IT'S TIME FOR US TO GO!
CLARA, YOU'RE DEFINITELY GETTING THE HANG OF THIS!
MORE ADVENTURES NEXT WEEK